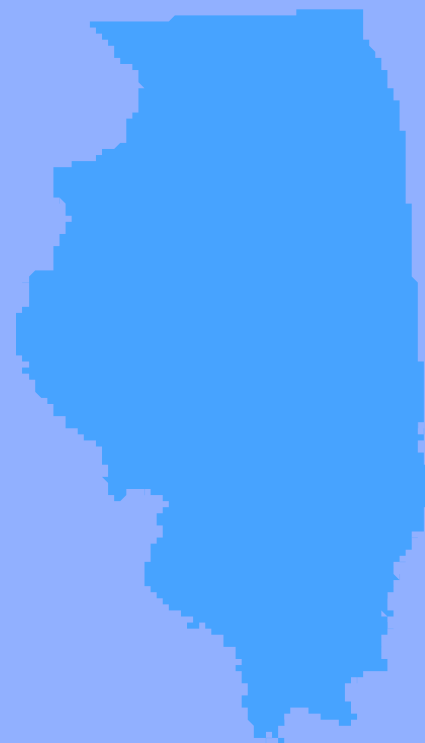




Illinois School Funding Reform Commission

August 3, 2016



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History of Funding Reform in Illinois

1970

Illinois Constitutional Convention passes statement calling education funding the “primary responsibility of the state”

1982

Education funding disparity exceeds pre-1973 levels

1992

Committee for Educational Rights v. Edgar alleges that existing formula violates the Equal Protection Clause and Education Article of the Illinois Constitution. The case is dismissed

1973

General Assembly passes bill increasing funding to districts with low property values but high tax rates, as well as to districts with high concentrations of low-income students

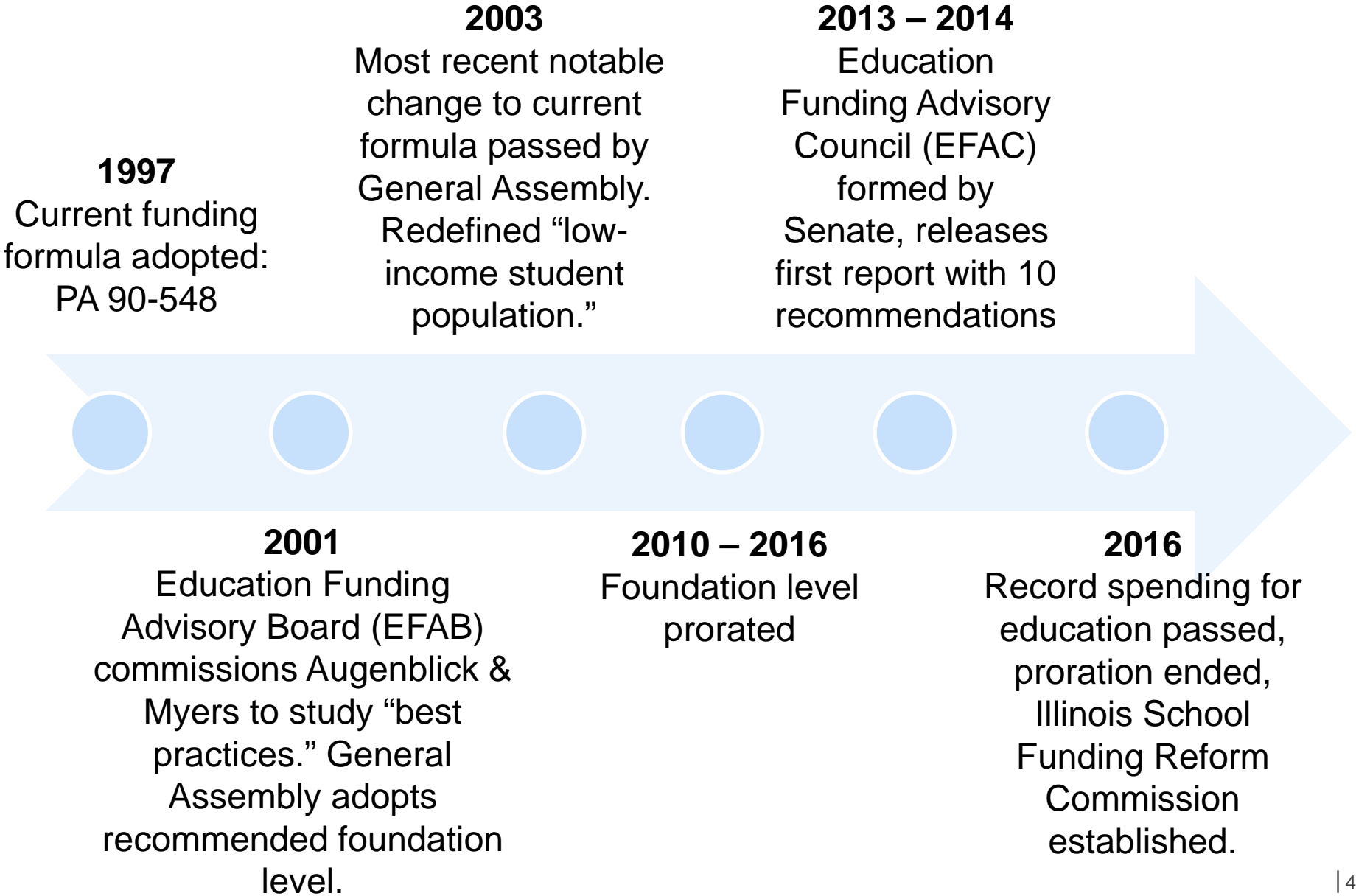
1984

Formal end to 1973 law; education funding returns to foundation formula taking into account poverty but not taxes

1996

Ikenberry Commission report published

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Current Funding: Key Statistics

- In 2013, Illinois ranked **14th in total per pupil** public K-12 spending
 - IL average \$14,200 in total per pupil spending; US average: \$12,380
- In 2013-14, Illinois ranked **2nd in reliance on local revenue**
 - 66.1% of total IL school funding from local revenue; US average: 44%
- In 2013-14, Illinois ranked **50th in state funding**
 - 19.6% of total IL school funding from state revenue; US average: 46%
- In 2012, Illinois had the **largest gap in funding** (combined state and local revenue) between low and high poverty districts
 - High poverty districts received almost 20% less funding from combined state and local revenue than did low poverty districts in Illinois in a comparison per student

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Suggestions for Small Group Meetings

1. “Study Groups” for deeper understanding of current formula
2. Preparation of presentations to Commission on existing proposals, including, but not limited to:
 - Key goals of bill
 - Key elements of bill and their use in other state funding formulas
 - Similarities and differences from current funding formula
 - 10-year costs
 - Alignment with Commission guiding principles

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